REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 21 to remove the reference to the outside of the tubular. Now both claims 1 and 21 make reference to the embodiment of Figures 10-13 where the sealing engagement is inside the tubular. In view of the amendment, no election is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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